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TO THE
GODMANCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL.

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1944.

The Borough as in previous years has been very fully inhabited owing to the addition of service personnel and evacuees.

Many of the houses are neglected and in poor condition, some of them are well worth repair when this can be done.

An extensive clearance scheme has been prepared and plans for a new housing estate made.

The water is adequate but a sewage system on modern lines a very necessary undertaking, this will be put in hand as soon as possible.

The health of the community appears to have been unaffected by war conditions and the birth rate is a little better than that of the country as a whole.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health :

J. R. GARROOD, M.D., D.P.N.

Sanitary Inspector :

F. G. LANE, A.M.I.S.E.

Statistics & Social Conditions.

Live Births	42
Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	18·2
England and Wales	17·6
Still Births	
Still Birth rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	45·4
Death Rates	
Death rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	13·4
England and Wales	11·6
Death Rate from Puerperal causes	0
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—	
All Infants per 1000 live births	47·6
England and Wales	46·0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	52·6
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0

Causes of Death.

	Male.	Female.
Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum ...	3	—
Cancer of all other sites	—	2
Intra-cranial vascular lesions ...	2	1
Heart Disease	5	5
Bronchitis	1	5
Pneumonia	1	—
Premature Birth	—	1
Congenital	—	1
Road Traffic Acc.	2	1
All other causes	1	—
All causes	15	16

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Herewith is a summary of work caused to be done during 1944.

Total number of Inspections made	...	87
Notices served	... ..	21
(Informal 5, Statutory 16.)		
Complaints received	... Total No. of	50
Premises, Houses, etc.	... No. inspected	87
	... Nuisances abated...	11
Pool, ditch, gutter, water-course	... No. inspected	—
	... Nuisances abated	—
Animals improperly kept	... No. inspected	—
	... Nuisances abated...	—
Privy, Urinal, cesspool, ash-pit	... No. inspected	6
	... Nuisances abated...	6
Drain, Drain-traps, etc.	... No. inspected	2
	... Nuisances abated...	2
House, or part thereof overcrowded	... No. inspected	—
	... Nuisances abated...	—
Smoke nuisances	... No. of observations	—
	... Nuisances abated...	—

Offensive accumulations		No. inspected	...	—
		Nuisances abated...	...	—
Other sanitary conditions		No. inspected	...	—
		Nuisances abated...	...	—
Lodging Houses	...	No. registered	...	—
		No. of inspections	...	—
Slaughter Houses	...	No. licensed or registered	...	—
		No. of inspections	...	—
Offensive trades(sec.112 P. Health Act, 1875)		No. established	...	—
		No. of inspections	...	—
Canal Boats	... ..	No. registered	...	—
		No. of inspections	...	—
		No. with infectious diseases on board...	...	—
Housing Act, 1936	...	No. houses condemned	...	1
		No. closed	...	—
		No. cleaned and limewashed	... ..	11
Food—seizures of unwholesome	... ..	No. of	... ..	—
Pail or earth closets	...	New provided	...	—
Privy Middens	...	New provided	...	—
		No. repaired	...	—
		No. converted to pails	...	—
		No. converted to W.C.'s...	...	—
Water closets	...	New provided	...	—
		No. supplied with water...	...	—
Ashpits	... ..	New provided	...	—
		No. converted to ashbins...	...	—
Ashbins	... ..	New provided	...	—
		Samples taken for analysis	...	6
		Samples condemned	...	2
		Wells closed	...	1
		Wells, cleansed, repaired, etc.	...	1
		Public supply substituted for well or pond	...	1
		Cisterns cleansed, repaired covered	... ..	—
		Waste pipes disconnected from drain	...	1

A satisfactory piped supply is provided. The wells are doubtful.

Housing, etc., Act 1909			No. of houses closed	...	1
			No. houses made habitable		11
			No. houses demolished	...	—
Building Bye Laws adopted			...	...	—
Total Legal Proceedings, i.e.,			Summonses, etc.	...	1
			Convictions	...	1
Factory and Workshop Act, 1937.					
Factories	...	...	Total number on register (including bakehouses)		14
			No. in which nuisances abated		...
Bakehouses	...	...	No. on register		4
			No. in which nuisances abated		...
Home Work	...	...	No. of outworkers		—
			No. of houses		...
			No. on infected houses		—
Legal Proceedings, i.e.,			Summonses, etc.	...	—
			Convictions	...	—

F. J. EAST, *Sanitary Inspector.*

Housing Statistics.

No. of houses inspected	...	...	...	52
No. found unfit	...	...	...	11
No. of representations made to Local Authority	...	...	...	11
No. of Closing Orders	...	...	...	nil
No. of houses with defects remedied without Closing Orders	...	...	...	11
No. of houses made habitable after Closing Order	...	...	...	no
Any compulsory demolition?	...	...	...	1
No. of houses unfit, but still occupied	...	...	...	226

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order.

Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers).

No. in District	...	...	...	12
No. Registered	...	...	...	12
No. of Inspections of Premises...	...	...	...	31
No. of Inspections during Milking Time...	...	...	...	10
No. of Premises required Whitewashing, Cleansing, etc.	...	...	...	5
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	4
No. of Premises requiring Structural or Sanitary Improvements	...	...	...	1
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	1

Premises with Well Water Supply—

No. of	...	...	...	4
No. of from which water analysed	...	...	...	1

Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Butter and Cheese Makers)

No. in District	...	...	...	12
No. of Inspections of Premises...	...	...	...	31

F. J. EAST,

30th November, 1944.

Sanitary Inspector.

Table showing the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1944.

Disease.				
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	5
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	5
Measles ...	...	...	...	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	34
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	2

Diphtheria.

Immunisation of School Children is done by M.O.H. at the Schools, as well as some infants between 1 and 5 years.

83.4% of School Children were protected.

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non--Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...				1				
15 ...								
25 ...								
35 ...								
45 ...								
55 ...								
65 and upwards								
Total	1	...	...	...	...

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. GARROOD,

Medical Officer of Health.

